

21st October 1927]

Alleged reduction of Ayyaswami Pillai.

* 798 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that one Ayyaswami Pillai, who had been acting as Head Clerk in the Government Press since 1919 and who was originally allowed to draw an increment of Rs. 5 in the grade of Rupees 125—5—175, was not made permanent when the post fell vacant, but was reduced to the post of a mere clerk on Rs. 85—4—125 at first in the year 1925 and then further reduced to the grade of Rs. 65—4—85 in the year 1926;

(b) if so, whether any definite charges were framed against the said Ayyaswami Pillai and whether he was given an opportunity to defend himself, and if not, why not;

(c) whether the Government will lay on the table a statement of the causes that led to the severe punishments meted out to the said Ayyaswami Pillai, a permanent accountant of ten years' standing; and

(d) whether the Government propose to make an enquiry into the matter of Ayyaswami Pillai and redress his grievances, if any?

A.—(a) The facts are substantially as stated.

(b) Yes.

(c) Neglect of duty, incompetence and inefficiency.

(d) No.

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED:—"May I know, Sir, whether the said Ayyaswami Pillai appealed to the Government against the punishment that was inflicted on him and what orders were passed on that?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Notice."

Reasons for the retention of the acting Accountant in the Government Press.

* 799 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that when the permanent Accountant was reduced to the post of a clerk in the Government Press, an outsider was brought in as acting Accountant for working the commercial system of accounts, and if so, why other deserving men in the department were superseded;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said acting Accountant was condemned by the Government Commercial Accountant and whether another Accountant was appointed on a salary of Rs. 100 for introducing commercial accounts;

(c) if so, whether the Government are aware that the acting Accountant, who was already condemned by the Government Commercial Accountant, is still retained and made a permanent Accountant in spite of his alleged inefficiency;

(d) if so, whether the Government will state what peculiar circumstances led to the retention of the services of the said Accountant, and who is responsible for such appointments in the Government Press; and

(e) whether the Government will cause an enquiry to be made into the matter and necessary action to be taken thereon?